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In re Application of:
James C. Sacchetti, et al.

Serial No.: 09/921,635

Filed: August 3, 2001

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ENZYME FROM MYCOBACTERIUM
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including February 23, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$210.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-

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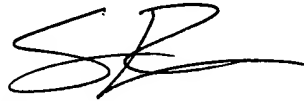
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enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at 713-787-1558 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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